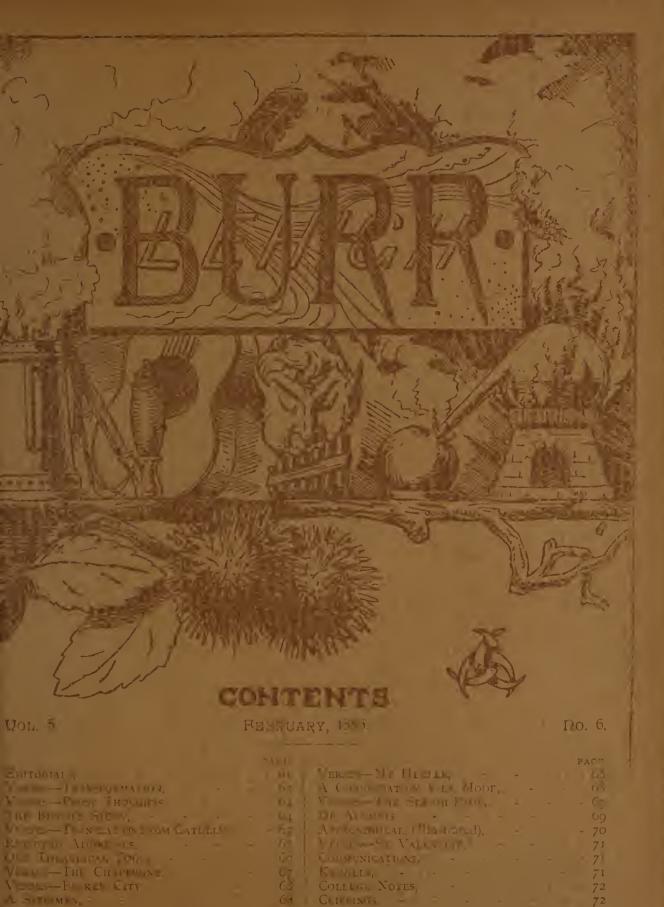
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T is with great pleasure that we see so many men training for the base-ball nine. There are many others who should train, and we hope they will soon appear. Every one that thinks he can play or wants to learn should go in now and train with the rest, and he will get his reward in the better health he will enjoy while training. It is to be hoped that the committee will choose the men who are to compose the nine, entirely from among those who are training, even at the risk of leaving some good player out. Possibly it will cripple the team this year, but the result in the long run will be highly beneficial.

E are very glad to note the marked improvement in our student organizations and in the general bearing of the students themselves. Our Athletic Association is now definitely and firmly established, and

the effect is seen in the fact that our base-ball men are already in training. Our musical and dramatic organizations attest to their flourishing condition by their performances here and at Reading. The Engineering Society is doing excellent work, and our various other organizations are in a thriving condition. We call attention to this, not in order that our pushing students—the leaders in these societies—may rest on their laurels, but that they may be encouraged to keep on in their good work.

MOVEMENT has been set on foot by - the University of Pennsylvania to organize a State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, and Lehigh has been asked to join it. The aim of the organization is simply to benefit the athletes of Pennsylvania Colleges and enable them to make a better showing at Mott-Haven than they have in the past. The plan proposed to accomplish this desirable result is to hold the meetings of the Association immediately before the Inter-Collegiate Sports. There is little or no doubt that a league of this nature will be of great value in promoting Pennsylvania's athletic interests, and Lehigh will make a great mistake if she fails to enter it with all the energy she is able to muster in honor of so good a scheme.

ANY of our most progressive and most successful colleges have courses of voluntary lectures by members of their respective faculties. This plan has been thoroughly tried and has proved a great success, and whereever it has been instituted, it has been held on to stoutly. Lehigh might very profitably adopt such a system. During the Winter our professors could give an excellent course of lectures. One might be given each week. That our professors are eminently capable of giving us a most attractive course of lectures is not to

be questioned. That fact is most clearly demonstrated whenever one of our worthy professors is induced to mount the lecture platform, which, however, is far too seldom. Why not give the plan a trial? There can be no doubt as to the result. It would be an overwhelming verdict in favor of the lectures.

BY the resignation of Thomas M. Eynon, Jr., M. E., '81, from the position of instructor of Mechanical Engineering, Lehigh has lost another valuable man. Mr. Eynon was thoroughly conversant with the workings of the various manufactories in and about Bethlehem, and was, in consequence, peculiarly well fitted for his position. It would, indeed, be hard to find anyone better equipped with both practical and theoretical knowledge of machinery. Mr. Eynon has entered the employ of L. Schutte & Co., Philadelphia.

L. P. Breckenridge, Yale, '81, has taken Mr. Eynon's place. Mr. Breckenridge held this position for nearly three years and made a very excellent instructor. He resigned it, however, in the Spring of 1884 to undertake some other business. We are quite fortunate in securing so capable and experienced a man to take Mr. Eynon's place.

ITERARY societies and debating clubs ✓ have fared so badly at Lehigh, that it seems well nigh useless to advise any new attempts in those particular directions. However, the students' "House of Commons" of the Johns Hopkins University is an institution possessing such attractive features, that we think our students in the literary departments, and also many of our technicals, should take hold of the matter and institute a similar organization here. We know the oldtime complaint of overwork will be raised against such a movement, and we know also that there is, alas, too much foundation for this excuse. But it is safe to say, that, by a more careful use of the minutes, many of our students would find time to devote to such an organization. It would probably require quite an important sacrifice, but the benefit to be gained thereby should induce a goodly number to make the necessary sacrifice of personal convenience or pleasure. If organized with the proper material, a students' "House of Commons," or a similar organization, would be very likely to grow into quite a healthy condition.

THE action of the Alumni Association in very properly withholding their prizes very properly withholding their prizes for the oratorical contest, brings to view a rather remarkable state of affairs. It drags into unpleasant prominence the fact that the essays and original orations put down in the Register as required for the whole junior year for students in both General Literature and Technical courses, and for half of the senior year besides for the former, are simply not required. It is hardly to be supposed that the scattered essays written in the second term sophomore, are considered by anyone as sufficient training in this most important branch of a man's education. Granting the widelyclaimed, though somewhat doubtful theory that scientific men have no need of these accomplishments, it is impossible to concede the same with regard to the remainder of our students. Men who embark upon one of the courses in General Literature are presumably beginning their training for a professional life, and nothing is more important to the professional man than a ready pen and tongue. Our Register would lead those who see it to imagine that this training, generally considered essential elsewhere, is given at Lehigh, whereas it is not.

PON entering Lehigh, one quickly perceives a want of something in our men, who seem to rest under an incubus that crushes out all ambition, so that The Burr editors call in vain for those who are willing to accept an editorship, and managers of athletic contests, and of everything that requires exertion, are forced to drag the unwilling victims from that

state of inactivity induced by Lehigh air. Our men are unwilling to train upon our own grounds; what would be the feeling if they were forced to go to Rittersville, as in former vears, when records were made that stand? The class of '80 did not graduate a dozen men. but has to its credit almost as many prizes as all the other classes together, and, leaving out '83, has about four times all the rest. At that time it was not necessary to call athletic meeting after athletic meeting to get a quorum. At present the style is to crush out any attempt to awaken interest in our organizations, and, as a crowning disgrace, to prevent the material coming here from exerting itself as it would under the stimulus of many Colleges we look down upon. Inflated by our self-sufficiency, we neither work ourselves nor allow others to work. It is too late to save '80 from the old order of affairs, but those who are willing to act should take new courage, and those who are not should step aside, and not hinder the progress that may take place before '90 comes in. Thus the newcomers may think we have always been in motion. Stir up our athletic association to fix the track that good records may be made. Revive the long needed Literary Society, and bring Lehigh out of the dormant condition in which she is.

T is somewhat remarkable that the controversy between the upholders and opponents of the elective system in college courses has not burst out at Lehigh. The question, to be sure, is not apt to arise in regard to a Technical course. For any given scientific profession, of course, certain studies, and only these, are considered as affording the necessary preparation. As to the more liberal courses, this point is by no means generally admitted. When colleges of the rank of Harvard and Princeton hold theories almost diametrically opposite on this point, it is to be presumed that a great deal may be said for both sides. Probably very few colleges offer courses in General Literature as iron-boundas ours. Of course, if a man wishes to forego his degree, he may prescribe for himself as wide a range of studies at Lehigh as at any other well-equipped institution. But the question naturally arises, is not the man who follows his own inclinations to a certain extent in the choice of his studies, so long as they tend to the same general end, and occupy the required amount of time, as well fitted to receive the degree of B. A., Ph. B., or B. S., as the man who goes through the courses prescribed in our Register? We are inclined to think that he is. The plan of allowing elective studies through a man's entire course, which is now undergoing the test at Harvard, has been adopted so short a time, that it is impossible to say with certainty whether it is a success or not. The fact that electives are allowed at almost every college of note during the last year or two of the regular course, speaks very strongly in favor of the system when adopted to that extent. It has been adopted, probably after due consideration, by men who have had experience in education all their lives, and have considered this step as one of those necessary in keeping pace with the times. Lehigh is not apt to go far wrong in following the example of her elders in a matter to which much thought has been given by the leading educators of our country.

TRANSFORMATION.

HEN I was a freshman I shaved it, Impatiently waiting my time; For if there was one thing I craved, it Was something to which there's no rhyme.

When a soph'more I pulled and I stroked it, And coaxed it with tonics and grease; And when in the evening I smoked, it To finger I never would cease.

When I was a junior I curled it,
And waxed it with consummate care;
In parlors I languidly twirled it,
And no doubt captivated the fair.

When a senior, I purposely spoiled it, I chopped it to look like a broom; And no longer wheedled and oiled it, Nor twisted it up with perfume.

PROSY THOUGHTS.

THE subject of these verses is
A chestnut, I confess,
For it is now six thousand years
I reckon, more or less,
Since College editors began to wonder
What corner there was left to "gag" or plunder.

We've kicked at every blessed thing
And laughed the rest to scorn,
Until there's nothing left to do,
But scratch our heads, forlorn,
And wait for some change in the situation,
Which may stir up our righteous indignation.

We've criticised the management;
We've criticised the men;
And raked the buildings o'er and o'er
To pick up ideas. Then,
We cannot on the same string harp forever;
To get up something fresh is our endeavor.

The truth I'm coming to is this:
 I have a page to fill,
And so I'm jingling out these rhymes,
 My share of space to kill;
And I have long since come to the conclusion
That the fun of editing is a delusion.

THE BENCH'S STORY.

AM nothing but a ruined bench, doing my best to rest the limbs of the student who mounts three flights of stairs. Some day I will give way to my weakness and stagger beneath the weight which oppresses me. Then, ah then, I will have my revenge. It is they, they and their predecessors, who have brought me into my present enfeebled and defaced condition. Once I was young and beautiful, and rejoiced in beautiful wood and resplendent varnish. The base ingrates whom I have upheld have repaid me by inscribing upon me every imaginable device, and robbing me of rounds to worry my old friend the professor. Just look at my back. Do you see those initials, "J. Q. '85"? I tried hard to get that man through college. He sometimes sat on me, but generally graced my brother of the next row back. Even then I did my best for him. He never studied and was an inveterate ponier. Many a time have I supported his ulster, while behind it his open book was quietly reposing; and he, with the appearance of exerting all the powers of memory he ever possessed, corrugating his brow and scratching his head, was reading the answers to troublesome questions from the little book I have spoken of. As soon as he had finished this deceptive task, out would come his horrible old knife,—how well I remember its rusty blades,—and his work of retaliation would begin. At the end of his sophomore year I grew desperate, and broke during an examination. He was at the time using me as a screen, and didn't come back the next year.

Then there is "A. Y. of '8o." He was a delightful creature, but very cruel. In seven different portions of my poor old frame you can find his name. He was a famous base-ball man in his day, and traced the equation of that outcurve of his three distinct times on my left arm. The torture was something terrible. I stood it as long as I could, but gave way in my right fore-leg one day and strained his wrist. He didn't pitch the next day, and Lehigh lost the match, but I have come to regard that as a trifle.

You see I was old even in those remote periods; what must I be now? Old age has had a benevolent effect upon me, and I am trying to treat my friends kindly. I actually have not fallen for a year; but if I am not removed to the cellar before long, I will not answer for the consequences. I used to object to being made a directory of, but my gentle spirit has even accustomed itself to that.

I have to draw the line somewhere, however, and I will say farewell now. I am about to collapse into a hopeless wreck. I have an annoying presentment that my friend of the freshman class, who is now crossing the threshold, has it in his soul to commit to my forehead the keeping of one of those enormous '89's which disguise so many of my family. Good bye—I mean to devote the last few moments of my life to meditation.—Good bye.

[—]The Mustard and Cheese Dramatic Club expects to present some new and attractive plays at the Lehigh Theatre shortly after the Easter holidays.

TRANSLATION FROM CATULLUS.

ODE HL

ON THE DEATH OF LESBIA'S SPARROW.

MOURN, Goddesses of Love and Cupids, mourn, And gentle men, as many as there are; My sweetheart's sparrow hath been seized by Death-The sparrow, darling of my loved one's heart, Which she was wont to love more than her eyes. For he was sweet as honey unto her. And knew her as a maid her mother knows: Nor from her bosom was he fain to move, But hopping round about, now here, now there, He piped unto his mistress, her alone. But now along the darksome road he goes Thither, whence 'tis said that none return. But ill betide you, wicked shades of hell, Which swallow up all lovely things! So fair A sparrow have ye borne away from me. The evil deed is done, alas! Poor bird, It is thy fault that swollen eves are red Through weeping,—that my loved one's eyes are red.

REJECTED ADDRESSES.

HE "WHIRR" was recently actuated by a laudable desire to awaken the literary spirit dormant among the members of the college. It consequently offered a reward of ten dollars for the best short story, which should be contributed for publication in its columns. We have obtained these gems at great expense, and print them below, simply to show what some people consider good.

The first is but one of nine productions bearing the same title.

THE FRESHMAN'S DIARY.

Oct. I. I have been here two weeks to-day. and really feel a remarkable change coming over me. I feel that I am no longer a boy, but a man. Well, I am sure I have gone through enough in this short time to change anything. It was my intention to make entries into my diary every night, but the time never seemed to come for me to begin until to-night, and I shall have to trust to my memory.

My college career opened with a remarkably savage tussle on the stairway with my eternal enemies, the sophomores. I was a conspicuous figure in the fray, but more so afterwards, when I returned to my room collarless, hatless, and

almost coatless. The remains of the latter garment now adorn my walls as a trophy. In the evening of this eventful day, I was called upon by the senior who rooms below me. He said that he possessed all the text-books which I would need in my course, and that as charity began at home, he would rather sacrifice them to me than to anyone else. I really thought I was making some remarkable bargains: I have since found out that he is an imposter. He had a "Ganot's Physics." of the second edition, which he assured me, was the only one allowed, on account of the conservative nature of our institution. He said that many of last year's freshman class had been obliged to import the work from Europe at a large cost, but that he would let me have it at ten dollars. I jewed him down to nine. Ah, I was a boy thennow I am a man.

Nothing worthy of note occurred until yesterday, when I was summoned before the faculty to account for the lives lost in the panic of the week before. I had only tried to excite some "innocent merriment" by shrieking "fire" at the top of my lungs during a lecture on Physiology. My classmates, who are fresher than I, rose to a man, and rushed for the door. Three lives were lost. To-morrow I leave college, suspended for three weeks.

Oct. 5. In the bosom of my family, who look upon my escapade as a sign of intellect, not of depravity. I was very negligent about certain business matters, previous to my leaving college, and bills, now aggregating one hundred and twenty-five dollars, have excited my father's ire. However, I return to college before long, when I hope to become a member of the editorial board of the "WHIRR."

The prize was not awarded to the author of the above, nor even to that of the following: THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN, OR THE UNTIMELY

RATTLE. Lorenzo was a noble youth, a student. He

had but one fault. In recitations, aye, even in examinations, instead of placing confidence in

his own vast and wonderful abilities, he placed it in outside aid, which by a remarkable fatality, found its way into the recitation-rooms in Lorenzo's pockets. He had ridden very successfully through two full terms, and the examinations at the end of the third were upon him. His equestrianism by this time had produced the unfortunate effect of weakening his nerves. No longer with his old unflinching gaze could he meet the cold stare of a suspicious professor. He had been known to wince. He relied, however, upon his ingenuity to bring him safely through the impending ordeal and produced a "pony" which as an invention for a useful end would have made his fortune. As it was, it brought about his ruin. He felt relieved when the professor assigned him a seat immediately in front of his desk, from behind which Lorenzo's inquisitor had never been known to move. Lorenzo thought the day won. His pony required a small space for manipulation. The space which Lorenzo devoted to it, was, as he thought, safe from the professor's searching gaze, as it was in front of and a little below the desk. Little did our hero think that the drawers of said desk had been removed opening a beautiful vista to the professor of Lorenzo's knees and the contrivance reposing thereon. Lorenzo's wiles were known to the professor from the first, but he allowed the youth to toil for two hours incessantly. then thought good to subject Lorenzo to an oral examination, telling him that he might retain his seat. This excited surprise in Lorenzo's breast. The professor had devised a scheme by which he could let Lorenzo down somewhat easily. The poor youth staggered through a few questions, as oral examinations never were his strong point. Suddenly he started. The professor's hand, which was always somewhat limp, appeared hanging listlessly from the bottom of the desk. Lorenzo was puzzled, but it was not long before the manner of its appearance dawned upon him. The hand was withdrawn, and Lorenzo felt the gaze of his vis-a-vis on his knee, where his

invention had so recently lain. A few questions from the professor completely demoralized him, and Lorenzo's strange behavior gave the author the singular title of his tale, which closes with Lorenzo's departure from the room, a ruined man.

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We will print but one more of the contributions; not that those already given are not bad, but simply to show what a human being can do in verse.

The perpetrator of these rhymes had been urged for months by a friend on the "Whire," who admired the aspirant's talents, to make an attempt. We will state just here that the prize has not yet been awarded.

Write of ponies, do you say? No indeed; some other day. Many a quire, many a ream Have been wasted on that theme. Write of soph'more deeds of daring Not for consequences caring? On that point I will be firm; You rejected nine last term. Write of turtle doves a-cooing, Youths and maidens blindly wooing? Better poets far than I Have essayed this minstrelsy. Yet you tell me, for the "WHIRR" All my lagging powers spur,-And I'll get there, if I try,-Yes, but in the sweet "bymeby."

No, he did not get the prize, but the commendable modesty exhibited in the last line of this touching effusion so moved the editors that he was immediately elected to fill an existing vacancy.

OUR THEATRICAL TOUR.

E took to the road after months of assiduous practicing, that is to say, we took to about fifty miles of road, and taking pity on a place only one peg below Irving's attention, did our best to show them what good acting really was.

We were without honor in our country to such an extent that we left town without the demonstration that might have been expected. A multitude of admiring friends with a brass band did not accompany us to the station and see the last of us; only the expressman who didn't get his money for carrying our baggage and property-boxes to the point of departure manifested either regret or disappointment at our leaving town. It would not be out of place to say now that he was the only one who met us on our return.

Far different was our reception at the place we had resolved to favor. Three brass bands, a company of militia, the city fathers and mayor of the town awaited our arrival, with open barouches ready to take us to the hotel. We were rather gratified upon reaching the principal street to observe that across it were extended floral arches, on which were depicted in brilliant characters "Welcome Tragedians." The only event which occurred to dampen our ardor was the cry of a small boy who mistook us for an "Uncle Tom's Cabin" troupe, and shouted "Where's that 'ere Siberian bloodhound as was in the picture?" Our stagemanager told him to run away, and that he had made a mistake.

At the hotel the mayor made his formal address of welcome, presenting us with the freedom of the city, the privilege of the principal clubs, and an embossed copy of the most desirable free lunch route. Our business manager, in his usual felicitous style, responded to the mayor's speech, and expressed a hope that the enormous audience which was expected at night, would get their money's worth, or words to that effect. We were really beginning to entertain lively fears that our advance agent had depicted our abilities in colors too vivid.

Eight o'clock came around in the due course of events, and the curtain rose to a house which was packed to the doors, and could not even exhibit "Standing room only." The only mishaps of the evening were a cabbage from the gallery, which displaced the leading lady's blonde wig, and the death of the cornet player of the local orchestra, from over-indulgence in

unbounded laughter. However, trifles of that nature never ruffle the true actor, and we returned to our hotel, well pleased with ourselves and the world.

On the following day we received twentynine requests from leading citizens to repeat our performance, but an engagement on the following Tuesday, in Nazareth, of course put this out of the question, as a number of the most recent "gags" had to be prepared before that time for the benefit of the incorrigible "firstnighters" of that place.

We have since heard that the bank cashier who received the deposit of the enormous proceeds of our performance, has joined the American colony in Canada, and that, consequently the charitable organization which was to have become wealthy, has received no material benefit from our appearance in its prosperous town.

THE CHAPERONE.

A WOMAN, past the maiden's age, alone In yonder corner sits unfriended, yawning. Towards somnolence apparently she's prone, And I don't blame her, for it's almost morning.

No daughter who must be provided for Brings her here; from pure love of chaperoning She chaperones a maid whom all adore —

A foolish deed, but one which finds condoning.

"Oh, Mrs. B—, do stay through one dance more," Implores the maiden, by four men attended.

"Well, yes, but one, remember, don't mean four,"
The matron sighs, nor moves till four are ended.

'Tis strange, indeed, that any can be found Who'll choose this wretched life of matronizing; Yet they exist, nay more, they e'en abound, And will appear for generations rising.

[—]Dr. Coppèe, by request of the junior class, will deliver a series of four lectures on Shakespeare's works—two on the tragedies and two on the comedies.

[—]The executive committee of the Athletic Association has definitely decided as to when prizes are to be given at our athletic meetings. Both first and second prizes will be given when there are four bona fide entries in the event. Where there are a less number of entries than four, it will be necessary to break the previous year's record in order to be entitled to a prize, and if two men should break this record, both first and second prizes will be given. Any one breaking Lehigh's record in any event, will receive a special prize.

PACKER CITY.

YE gods, have pity; South Bethlehem is bad enough; But if there is a name that's "tough," It's Packer City.

In Idaho.

Where knaves and cut-throats rest secure, This fashion of nomenclature

Is "all the go."

A store and jail
With tramps a score or more, out there
Straight constitute a "city" where
Honest men quail.

And do take pity—
Whoe'er thou art that changest names,
And quickly minimize the claims
Of Packer City.

A SPECIMEN.

HE meeting will please come to order," shouted the president, just before his mouth was closed by a snowball, skillfully aimed by the leader of the opposition. He recovered in time, however, to hear the report of the committee on a class motto, F. Riddles, chairman. The committee favored the adoption of "nolite molluscum esse." At this juncture a tremendous uproar arose from the back seats, which were filled by Technicals, who demanded the meaning of the motto in question. A mild-eyed Classical arose with a patronizing smile and proceeded to conjugate, decline, etc., every word in succession, ending up with "Finally, gentlemen, the meaning is, 'Don't be a cla--.'" Here he was hastily dragged down by his friends, who could ill afford to lose onesixth of their department at one fell swoop. It was unanimously laid on the table.

The committee on the class supper then struggled to the front, but had scarcely begun its report when a patriotic Washingtonian moved that the committee be discharged, and that the supper be held in the Rotunda of the Capitol. This was strongly supported by the Washington element of the class, but, strange to say, was almost unanimously defeated.

There was long and spirited discussion on

the motion to adjourn, but it was finally carried by a large majority, as the hungry eyes of the sophomores were already seen through the crevices of the long-suffering door.

MY HEELER.

Who of my valor loudly talks?
While in my clothes he proudly stalks?
My heeler.

Who borrows when I'm flush, from me, And owes it back when flush is he And I am broken totally? My heeler.

Who smokes my pipe? Who takes my books?
Who pries into my sacred nooks?
Who through my bills and letters looks?
My heeler.

Who says "Deah boy," when oft we meet, And takes my arm when on the street? Oh, here he comes, and I must treat

My heeler.

J.

J. M.

A CONVERSATION À LA MODE.

O, sir, there's not a course in this College which requires half as much work as the Latin Scientific gets out of a man."

This was the signal for a general attack, and the Latin Scientific tried to look as if he believed what he had just said.

"Why," said the Miner, "you poor benighted creatures have no idea what work is. I've been trying to drill a hole in my cranium for Dynamic Geology for the last two weeks, that is, when I haven't been otherwise engaged in an Assay furnace."

"That's absolutely nothing," broke in the Mechanical, "there's an eccentric crank in my section who asks for extra lessons in Machine Design, and the consequence is, I have not been to bed for a week."

"Come, come," the Chemist exclaimed, "you don't think we believe that, do you? But if you really want to know what work is, change your course and join us. I've not sat down for months excepting at meal-times, and I can only allow five minutes for each of these luxuries."

The Civil, at this juncture, dropped in on his

way from an adjacent mountain top, and contributed his tale of woe as follows: "Well, boys, I never knew what work was till at the end of my first term, freshman, I diverged into this man-killing Civil course. You remember what my weight was? Gaze on me now—skin and bones. My constitution won't stand these mountain sides, to say nothing of a chain and fifteen stakes."

The Electrical's wail told visibly upon the crowd; it even inspired the Special in Photography to try his hand at it.

"I have read," he began, "about the work imposed upon convicts in State prison, but ——." This had its effect, and without further delay, or slaughter of truth, the subject was changed.

This is not meant to be funny, but is simply a fair sample of a type of conversation often heard

THE SLEIGH-RIDE.

"O N Friday, did you say? Well, I am sure
The party's well-selected as can be.
Expect me then at eight—I'll be on time.
"Twas very kind to think of asking me."

The Friday came,—as Fridays always do—And, strange to say, no single one had thought The hour was nine, or even half-past eight; All were on time, and country roads were sought.

The night was most delightful, not too cold, Yet under thirty-two—of course full moon. A supper at an inn near town, and songs Made one o'clock come very much too soon.

A few days after, I was called aside
By him I thought my host, and whom I'd thanked
As such; "Four dollars and a half," he asked.
I paid, of course; but thought, "Sleigh-rides be
blanked."

DE ALUMNIS.

[Contributions to this Department are solicited.]
A generous Alumnus has contributed fifty dollars for the prizes in the junior oratorical contest.

'69.—Clarence A. Wolle, who is well known in the Bethlehems, took a special course with the class of '69, and made an excellent record while in the University.

'69.—Dr. Samuel P. Sadtler, F. C. S., professor of General and Organic Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, was a special student here with the class of '69.

'70.—E. C. Boutelle, at one time a member of the class of '70, has won quite a reputation as a painter, and his name is well known in the Bethlehems.

'75.—Louis Chauvenet, a son of Prof. William Chauvenet, the celebrated mathematician and author of our text-book on Geometry, was for a time a member of the class of '75.

'75.—Prof. Edward H. Williams, Jr., E. M., is preparing a book on the first twenty years of Lehigh's history, and expects to issue the same in June. He wishes to make the histories of the various societies, which have existed at Lehigh, as complete as possible, and would be very glad to receive any information on the subject. He also asks that any facts about old students, whether graduates or not, their addresses and occupations, be sent to him. The book will be a very valuable one and will no doubt meet with a very large sale.

'76.—James D. Carson, C. E., general manager of the Chicago and Western Indiana and the Belt Railroads, is very highly spoken of in a recent issue of the *Railway Age*, in connection with a description of the Belt railroad system, which, under Mr. Carson's management, has become an indispensable part of the great railroad systems which center in Chicago.

'77.—Seizo Myahara, C. E., holds an important position under the Japanese government, being engaged in railroad construction in Japan. His work gives great satisfaction.

'81.—Thomas M. Eynon, M. E., is with L. Schutte & Co., 12th and Thompson streets, Philadelphia.

'82.—Robert Arrowsmith, for some time a member of the class of '82, has gone through the B. A. and M. A. degrees at Columbia, and now bears Ph. D., obtained from the same University.

'84.—W. B. Foote, E. M., is located at Georgetown, Col. The mine of which he has charge is some 5,000 feet above Georgetown, and, owing to the snowed-up condition of the country, he has taken to Norwegian snow-shoes with which he has become quite expert, and now glides over the country as if wearing seven-league boots.

'85.—H. W. Rowley, M. E., has accepted the position of Assistant Mechanical Engineer, of the Dickson Manufacturing Company, Scranton, Pa., which is quite a good position.

—After Puck—

"Ah, there, my size,"
The small boy screams,
To maidens on the streetlet;
Mayhap the bullDog *thinks* the same
When he espies the meatlet.

—The Burr has renounced its unexpressed intention of berating the slippery paths and stone steps under the charge of the University; but it came so near home when one of the Board broke a bone in his hand, that it feels bound to utter its protest against the idleness of a large force of men, in the summer engaged in weeding flower-beds, and now not sprinkling ashes or sawdust on dangerous paths and steps.

ASTRONOMICAL.



Puer.



Senex.



In Conjunction.

ST. VALENTINE.

Though the fourteenth of February is past, we publish, for the benefit of those who are always behind hand two valentines, which they may use if they see it.

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Sweet Goddess, wreathed in Fancy's bower, More beautiful than Helen fair. Thy face is printed on my heart; My soul thine image ever fills, And ever present is thy voice. So near and vet so far thou art. That I am still unknown to the,

My Valentine.

No. 2.
For a professor to slide under a student's door. Come again, Flunkers, pensive and sly, I'll give you a six in the sweet by and by. Come with your ponies; if you do, then You can bet your sweet life I will flunk you again.

COMMUNICATIONS.

[The editors are not responsible for any opinions expressed in this column.]

ESSRS, EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—"Does a man ever become too old to attend to his religious duties?" is the question that naturally arises in the mind of a Lehigh man who has been here for three years and more and attended chapel according to our rules, but yet has never seen more than two or three members of the Faculty there at one time. If it is the duty of the student to go to chapel, it is the duty of the Faculty to set a good example in that respect. If it is not our duty, why are we forced to it? That savors of the olden time, when the student and the professors were mortal enemies. It is perfectly right for the Faculty to go or stay away from chapel as they please, but the same right should be accorded the student. Therefore let us have voluntary chapel, or let the "powers that be" attend chapel with us. Consistency is a jewel.

LIBERAL.

KERNELS.

- -The director of the Library is overworked.
- —The tug-of-war pulls three times a week.
- -A freshman wants to know if Mr. Eynon flunked
- -Twenty-one men are working for the Lacrosse team.

- —Student (translating):—"Vir Macedo—the man Mikado 1
- —Fire escapes have been erected on the Laboratory and on the Halls.
- —At the conversazione:—"'L'homme qui rit' est un livre étrange, ain't it, n'est-ce pas?"
 - "Mr. P—, What is a hexagram?" Mr. P.:- "A six-sided pentagon, sir."
- -C. T. Neale, formerly of '87, is now cashier of the Hazleton National Bank, Kansas.
- There are fifteen men training for the base-ball nine. It is not too late to double this number.
- —Student (translating):—"On était en train de faire une collecte.—On entering the train to collect the
- -The 22d of February has been fixed as the date at which class histories must be handed in to the Epitome
- -Our "dear departed" have organized a society known as the "Flunkers-Out Association." It numbers 240 men.
- -F. S. Smith, '87, has been elected a member of the editorial board of the Epitome in place of H. C. Yeatman, Jr., who has left College.
- -Professor:- "When was Christianity first introduced into Britain?"

Bright student: -- "Fifty-five B. C."

- The administration needs stirring up with a sharp stick. The South Bethlehem postmaster still enjoys his "otium cum dignitate" in his comfortable quarters.
- -Chas. E. Clapp, '86, has been elected delegate to the meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association to be held in New York on Saturday, Feb. 27.
- —Seniors think their dignity impaired by their toil in the Assaying Laboratory. They are unanimously in favor of having it remanded to the sophomore year.
- -I. A. Heikes, '85, represented Lehigh at the meeting held on Friday last, in Philadelphia, to take steps toward forming a State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Asso-
- -C. H. Wenhold, the Main street jeweler, has offered a handsome prize to the Athletic Association. This prize will be given for general excellence at the Winter meeting of the Association.

—Student:—" Professor, we find the lessons entirely too long. We have not time to study fifteen pages.'

Professor (reassuringly):—"Gentlemen, I do not wish to overwork you. I will shorten the lessons. You may take fourteen pages for the next recitation.

- -THE BURR has no sympathy with the advancers of the Packer City boom. This will probably make them feel badly, but for our part we agree with those who favor the union of the Bethlehems with a common name and post-office.
- —The contract for printing this year's *Epitome* has been awarded to D. J. Godshalk & Co., the printers of THE BURR. The *Epitome* is to be issued in the latter part of April, and is to be somewhat larger than last year's. This issue will be Volume XII.

—The junior oratorical contest will be held in the chapel on Washington's Birthday. The contestants are C. P. Pollak, O. O. Terrell, G. T. Richards, H. S. Fisher, H. H. Stoek, and J. M. Howard. A. Bonnot will read Prof. Green's "Tribute to Washington."

—A Lehigh Club has been formed in Baltimore, by the ex-members of Lehigh now at Johns Hopkins, and those resident in the city. It proposes to entertain students of Lehigh visiting Baltimore and to perpetuate pleasant associations formed at this institution R. H. Davis has been elected president, and K. Bryan, secretary.

—Nothing has been definitely decided upon, but it is probable that the Winter meeting of the Athletic Association will be held in the gymnasium, on Saturday, March 27. There is not much time to be wasted if our athletes wish to make a good showing, and they should go vigorously to work getting themselves into condition for the meeting.

—The *Phila*. *Press* thus speaks editorially of the Lehigh University: "This magnificent institution is rising steadily and swiftly to the level set for it by its generous founder and his successors, and its friends everywhere will rejoice to know that its present condition and its prospects for the future were never more hopeful than they are to-day."

—The senior class has elected its Class Day officers. They are as follows:—Salutatorian and Master of Ceremonies. W. H. Dean; Toast Master, E. E. Stetson; Class Poet, M. A. de W. Howe, Jr.; Prophet, G. H. Cobb; Presentation Orator, H. Toulmin; Ivy Orator, W. P. Taylor; Banner Orator, G. M. Richardson, and Shield Bearer, H. G. Reist.

—Among exchanges which we are always glad to see, preëminent stand the *Yale Record*, *Williams Fortnight*, and *Columbia Spectator*, as being the best representatives of the true type of College journalism; going beyond the sphere of what we consider College journalism proper, we award the palm without the slightest hesitation to the *Williams Lit*, as the best literary monthly magazine, and to the *Yale News* as the best daily which decks our table.

—Besides the privilege of the alcoves in the Library, and voluntary Chapel after Easter, the senior class has been able hitherto to rejoice in one other distinction from the lower classmen in the exemption from gymnasium duties. But they have been "reduced to the ranks" in this respect. What with theses and accumulation of small jobs left to the last term, the well-meaning senior finds it hard to avoid absences, and two a week pile up with incredible rapidity.

COLLEGE NOTES.

—The delegates from the various Colleges represented in the inter-collegiate games, meet in New York, February 27, 1886. —The University of Pennsylvania proposes to form an Athletic Association in which the Colleges of Pennsylvania shall take part, and to have annual meetings at Philadelphia. —There is some talk of the Oberlin dormitory being rebuilt on the "cottage system." —President Holden, of the University of California receives a salary of \$8,000, which is larger by several thousand dollars than that of any other College president in America. —Ex. The president of Le-

high University also receives a salary of \$8 000 .-A conference committee which is to confer with the faculty in regard to cases of College government has been elected at Harvard for the ensuing year. It consists of five seniors, four juniors, three sophmores, and two freshmen. Five members at large will be elected by the faculty and the student delegates at the first meeting.—The president of Bowdoin College graduated in the class of '79. He is the youngest College president in this country.—A suit has been brought against the Syracuse University by a lady who claims to have inherited one-fourth the property now held by the University.—Secretary Bayard will deliver the commencement address at the University of Kansas.—The College authorities of Wisconsin have made petitioning to the faculty punishable by suspension.—The faculty of Cornell have made attendance at lectures and recitations voluntary for the present, but subject to restriction if abused.—The University of Chicago has been sold for debt.—The junior promenade given at Yale on the evening of February 9, was a grand success.—Presidents Eliot and McCosh have recently debated upon the subject of Religion in Colleges .- A Harvard student has invited other members of the College to assist him in raising a fund to lay board walks through their flooded campus. Michigan University has been presented with all the exhibits of the Chinese government in the New Orleans -Dr. Anderson of Chicago University has Exposition. accepted the presidency of Vassar College. - The attempt to change the name of Vale College to Vale University is meeting with decided opposition from many Yale Alumni who consider Yale College a "name of honor and glory.'

CLIPPINGS.

—Three Frenchmen who were studying a volume of Shakespeare in their native language, endeavored to translate into English the well-known opening to Hamlet's soliloquy, "To be or not to be." The following is the result: First Frenchman: "To was or not to am." Second F.: "To were or is to not." Third F.: "To should or not to will."—Ex.

I T is now the rainlet drizzles.
And the footless flunker fizzles,
And the maidens, tender-eyed, walk
Up and down a slippery side-walk.
And while trying to sit down
On some freshman who, down town,
Some flirtation mild has tried.
Slip and sit,
Slip and sit,
Sit on something else, beside.

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